Limit of Core Areas or Limit of Conservation Authority Regulated Area

PURPOSE:

This document provides guidance for the completion of a Limit of Core Areas or Limit of Conservation Authority Regulated Area delineation, which may be required for the submission of an application under the *Planning Act*. All Limit of Core Areas or Limit of Conservation Authority Regulated Area delineations shall follow the requirements referenced in this document.

A Limit of Core Areas or Limit of Conservation Authority Regulated Area delineation provides information for a Planning Application where development is proposed within or adjacent to a Core Area and/or Conservation Authority Regulated Area and detailed Core Area and/or Conservation Authority Regulated Area boundaries are required.

The City and Conservation Authorities maintain general boundary mapping of Core Areas and Conservation Authority Regulated Areas. However, since these boundaries are general and natural areas and regulated feature limits can change over time, detailed boundaries are identified based on a combination of technical studies and/or staking in the field at the time that a development application is being proposed.

PREPARED BY:

The Limit of Core Areas or Limit of Conservation Authority Regulated Areas is initially staked on-site by that applicant's qualified expert (typically an environmental consultant, ecologist, or hydrogeologist) based on the Principles for Delineating Core Areas in the Field found in Appendix 1 of the City's Environment Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines. The delineation may also be informed by the completion of technical studies (e.g., flood hazard limit). Once the area has been pre-staked by the applicant's qualified expert, the

delineated boundary is reviewed on-site by the City's Natural Heritage Planner (for Core Areas) and/or the Conservation Authority (for Regulated Areas). It is essential that an Ontario Land Surveyor also be present to ensure that the boundary limits are accurately identified using GPS coordinates.

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Once staked by the applicant's qualified expert in consultation with the City and Conservation Authority staff, the Limit of Core Areas or Limit of Conservation Authority Area shall be identified on a Survey Plan prepared by a professional surveyor.

The surveyed boundaries of Core Areas and/or Conservation Authority Regulated Areas shall be included on all figures within the EIS as well as other appropriate studies and plans (e.g., Grading Plans, Functional Servicing Reports). Any changes proposed by the applicant's qualified expert to the boundaries of the Core Area and/or Conservation Authority Regulated Area must be justified in the EIS and approved by City and Conservation Authority staff, and the City's Environmentally Significant Areas Impact Evaluation Group (ESAIEG).

OTHER INFORMATION:

City of Hamilton Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines:

https://www.hamilton.ca/build-invest-grow/planning-development/planning-policies-guidelines/environmental-impact-statements

Hamilton Conservation Authority Regulated Area Mapping Tool:

Regulated Areas Map Tool - Hamilton Conservation Authority (conservationhamilton.ca)

Conservation Halton Regulated Area Mapping:

Mapping and Studies - Conservation Halton

NPCA Regulated Area Mapping:

NPCA APPROXIMATE REGULATION LANDS | NPCA APPROXIMATE REGULATION LANDS | Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Open Data (arcgis.com)

Grand River Conservation Authority Regulated Area Mapping:

Map Your Property - Grand River Conservation Authority

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

Natural Heritage, Planning and Economic Development Department

The Conservation Authority with regulatory authority over the subject lands, namely:

- Hamilton Conservation Authority
- Conservation Halton
- Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
- Grand River Conservation Authority

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~~*Please note that the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks is considering consolidating Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities, creating nine Regional Conservation Authorities (RCAs), targeted to occur in early 2027. The RCAs which will cover Hamilton include the Western Lake Ontario RCA and the Eastern Lake Erie RCA. It is anticipated that CA contact information will change at this time.~~